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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FYI. INDIAN OCEAN TALKS ARE MAKING REMARKABLE PROGRESS, WITH SOVIETS WORKING SERIOUSLY ON THE BASIS OF OUR DRAFT STABILIZATION AGREEMENT AND SHOWING SIGNS OF EAGERNESS TO REACH AN AGREED TEXT IN THE NEXT ROUND. SOME SOVIETS IN PRIVATE HAVE SUGGESTED NOVEMBER (AND VIENNA OR GENEVA) FOR THE NEXT ROUND. AT THIS RATE, THERE COULD CONCEIVABLY BE-- AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT FOR SOMEONE TO SIGN VERY SOON. AT THIS POINT WE SEEM ALMOST CERTAIN TO END THE WEEK WITH A PRESS RELEASE SAYING THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

2. WE HAVE GIVEN CARTER FIRST REFUSAL ON OCTOBER 15 ETA. WEISZ IS EAGER TO GO IF CARTER DECLINES BECAUSE OF HAVING TO LEAVE FAMILY BEHIND. FOR THE ONE WHO DOES NOT GO UNTIL JANUARY, WE ARE WORKING ON CONSOLATION PRIZE OF INTERIM
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TRAINING ASSIGNMENT TO GARMISCH.

3. BILL BROWN AND PETER TOMSEN MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOW-
ING THAT GASTON SIGUR, DIRECTOR OF GEORGE WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY'S SINO-SOVIET STUDIES INSTITUTE, WILL BE
VISITING MOSCOW OCTOBER 17-25 AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE
ACADEMY'S INSTITUTE OF FAR EASTERN STUDIES. SIGUR'S HOST

WILL BE M. I. SLADKOVSKIY. SIGUR SAID HE WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR A LATER SERIES OF EXCHANGE CONFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTES. PARTICULARLY IDEAS ON BROADENING THE AGENDA PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE NON-ASIAN AREAS WHERE THERE IS AN ASIAN ANGLE. GARY MATTHEWS WILL PASS ON ANY THOUGHTS TO SIGUR AND VLAD PETROFF. IN ANY EVENT, SIGUR WILL BE IN TOUCH WHILE IN MOSCOW.

4. JIM PHONED WITH THIS MESSAGE: MR. BENSON CALLED YESTERDAY, HAVING SORTED OUT USIA PROBLEM. I WILL HAVE LANGUAGE EXAM SEPTEMBER 28 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. PANEL IS SET FOR OCTOBER 21. VISA NOW BEING PROCESSED. WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW ON PA 44, 3:40 P.M., OCT 23. CHRISTOPHER

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